

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

JAN 14 2003

Property Name: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Inventory Number: SM-412
 Address: 37707 New Market-Turner Road City: Charlotte Hall Zip Code: 20622
 County: Saint Marys USGS Topographic Map: Charlotte Hall
 Owner: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 28 Tax Map Number: 4 Tax Account ID Number: 05006066
 Project: New Market Park and Ride Project Agency: Maryland Transit Administration
 Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property is located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The St. Paul's Lutheran Church, constructed in 1911, was previously surveyed by St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning in 1994. No recommendation of National Register eligibility was made for this resource during the previous survey. The church property is located along the south side of MD 6 (New Market-Turner Road) and consists of the original 1911 church building, a multi-purpose building constructed in 1979 and a small cemetery.

Alterations to the original church building include a vestibule in 1930, a Sunday school addition in 1950 and a new chancel arrangement to the rear elevation in 1956. Circa 1960, new pews were installed and the first indoor bathroom was constructed in the renovated basement (St. Mary's County Historical Society vertical files). Since 1983, the church has been utilized for educational purposes. The wood floor was covered with tile and carpet, the pews removed and the interior divided into several classrooms. All of the windows were replaced with vinyl units during the late 1990s.

A multi-purpose building was constructed on the property in 1979. Dedication of the new multi-purpose building was held May 13, 1979. The congregation of 165 had outgrown the original church building and needed a new facility. The new facility houses a worship area, classrooms and offices. The exterior of the building was constructed by Bates & Associates and designed by architect John Corkhill. The interior of the building was mostly constructed and furnished by members of the congregation. Woodwork in the chancel area was completed by local craftsman Karl Dodge (The Enterprise 1979).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐
 Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
 MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

 Reviewer, NR Program

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To the rear, or south of the multi-purpose building is a small scattered cemetery with simple grave markers oriented to the east. The cemetery contains headstones of some of the early members of the congregation and have inscriptions written in German.

The form of the original church building remains relatively intact. Despite modifications, the church is readily identifiable as an early religious structure and is a local visual landmark for this community.

According to histories prepared by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the church is the first German Lutheran Church established and constructed in southern Maryland. During the early twentieth century, the New Market-Charlotte Hall area was promoted to German immigrants throughout the Mid-west as a location for cheap and abundant agricultural land. German immigrants began relocating from the mid-western states into New Market in 1909 (Guyther 1997). Rev. Louis Roehm traveled throughout southern Maryland in search of congregations. He found Germans in Charles County and performed the services in St. Mary's County in Mechanicsville. A congregation was soon formed from that missionary work and met in the home of George Mueller in New Market. Rev. Roehm ministered to this group as early as February of 1911. Landowner Dietrich Badenhop granted three acres of his property to the congregation for the establishment of a church. A building committee was immediately convened to plan the erection of a small 18x28x12 house of worship. The church construction was complete by November of 1911. Separate church services were conducted in both English and German (St. Mary's County Historical Society vertical files).

From St. Paul's Church, two other Lutheran Churches were founded in southern Maryland and many other congregations assisted. The two daughter churches of St. Paul's include Trinity Church of Lexington Park and Grace Lutheran Church in LaPlata (St. Mary's County Historical Society vertical files).

National Register Evaluation:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as one of the first Lutheran churches established for the German population of southern Maryland. Constructed in 1911 on a hilltop near the intersection of two major roadways, the church is the most recognizable resource associated with the influx of German settlers into the region during the early twentieth century and directly led to the establishment of other Lutheran Churches in the region. As such, the property is associated with an event or trend that made a significant contribution to the development of the nation, state, or local community. The property meets Criteria Consideration A for religious properties as a building that represents the early twentieth century German settlement of the New Market area.

Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history; therefore, it does not meet Criterion B.

The church is a utilitarian vernacular religious structure that been altered throughout the twentieth century to accommodate different religious functions. The simple front-gable structure has had extensive interior alterations that include the removal of pews, covering of the floors and division of interior space into separate classrooms. Exterior changes include rear and side additions and the replacement of the windows. Therefore, the church lacks material integrity and architectural significance and is not eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. However, the building is readily recognizable as a church and does possess sufficient integrity to convey its historic significance under Criterion A.

Finally, no information has been gathered to indicate that the property has any significance under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The proposed National Register boundary for St. Paul's Lutheran Church generally follows the existing tax parcel for the property (Tax Map 4, Parcel 28). The northern boundary of the property follows along the southern edge of the right-of-way established for the New Market-Turner Road. The eastern, southern and western boundaries coincide with the existing tax parcel boundary lines. An approximate total of three acres is included within the National Register boundary. The boundary has been delineated to include all historic structures and features located on the property. Contributing buildings include the original 1911 church and the cemetery. Features that contribute to the significance of the property include the landscaped hilltop setting of the church and the tree-lined driveway between MD 6 and the 1911 church. Non-contributing buildings and elements include the 1979 multi-purpose building and asphalt parking lot.

References:

Guyther, J. Roy M.D. Charlotte Hall: The Village, 1797-1997. Mechanicsville, MD: published by author, 1997.

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Newspapers

St. Mary's Beacon, 23 November 1911

The Enterprise, 29 March 1978

The Enterprise, 9 May 1979

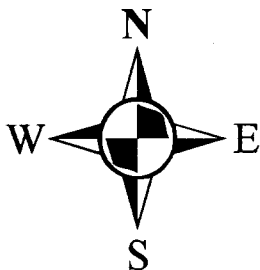
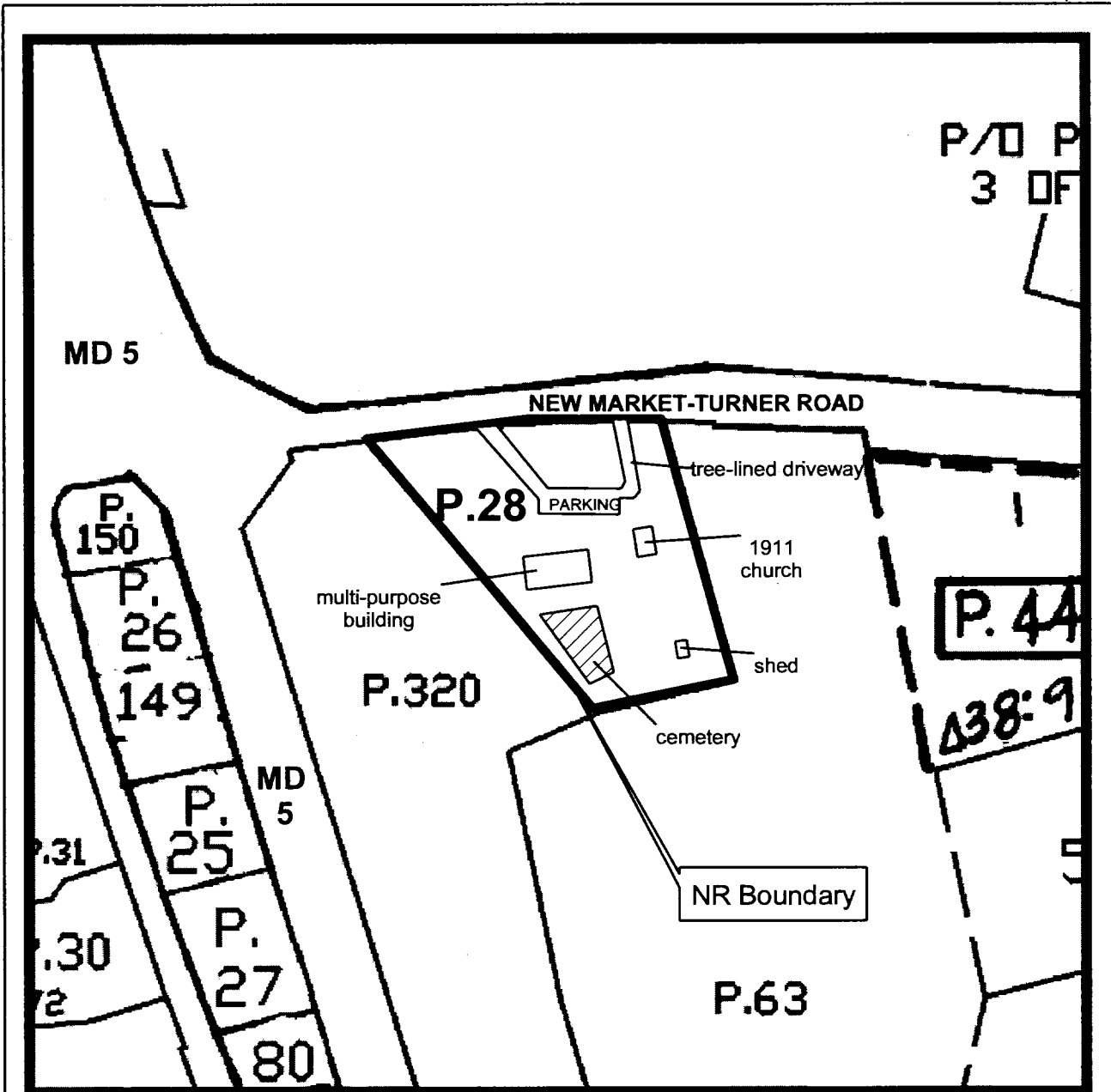
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Date Prepared: 10/11/2002

National Register Boundary Map
SM-412 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Historic Resources Survey
St. Mary's County, Maryland

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Map Source: www.dat.state.md.us

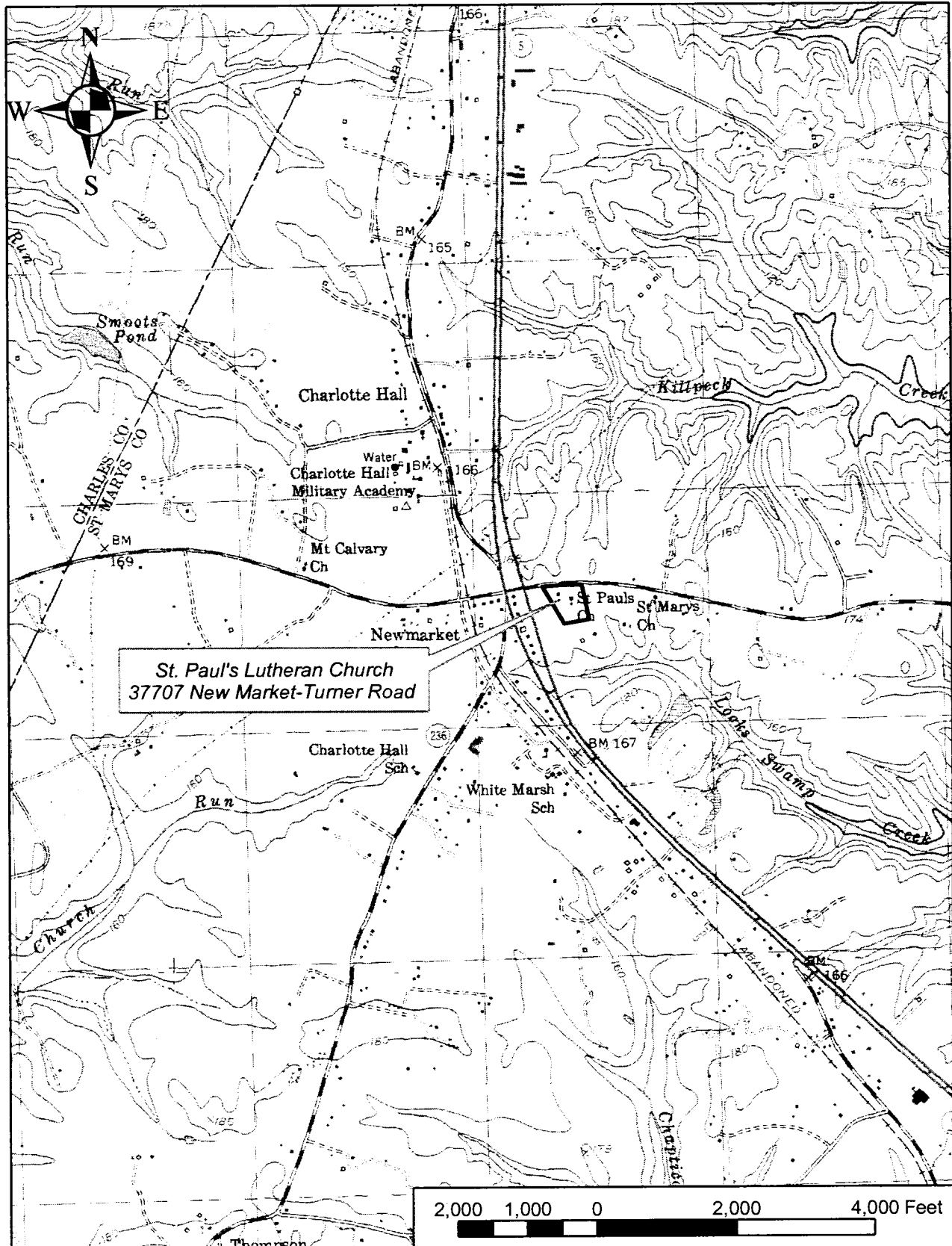
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Resource Location Map # SM-412

New Market Park & Ride Project

Historic Resources Survey
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Map Source: USGS Topographic Quadrangle; Charlotte Hall, MD



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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. MARY'S Co, MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

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VIEW OF 1911 CHURCH ALONG TREE-LINED
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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. MARY'S CO., MD

TIM TAMBURINO

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HISTORIC 1911 CHURCH BUILDING, NE CORNER
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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. MARY'S CO., MD

TIM TAMBURELLO

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD

TIM TAMBURINO

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MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING (1979)

FRONT AND EAST ELEVATIONS

VIEW SW

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

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CEMETERY, VIEW SW

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Capsule Summary
SM-412
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
New Market
Private

1911

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a small but significant building in the New Market area both because of its history as the first Lutheran church established in Southern Maryland and because of its founding German-American congregation. Built to fulfill the spiritual needs of the closely-knit German immigrant population in the New Market-Mechanicsville-Charlotte Hall area, this church became the focal point of this community's religious and social life. This church is the only architectural landmark which represents the existence of this distinctive early twentieth century community in northern St. Mary's County.

Since the construction of the main block of St. Paul's in 1911, a vestibule was added in 1930, a Sunday school room was added in 1950, and an addition to the chancel was constructed in 1956. Worship services are no longer held in the church. The interior of the church has been completely reworked and is now used for Sunday School classes and for the Braille Center.

SM-412, St. Paul's Lutheran Church
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture
Religion
Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Church

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM - 412

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common St. Paul's Lutheran Church

2. Location

street & number Route 6 New Market ☐ not for publication

city, town New Market ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious |
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Paul's Lutheran Church

street & number telephone no.: 301-884-5184

city, town Charlotte Hall state and zip code Md. 20622

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber JMM 6

street & number St. Marys County Courthouse folio 240

city, town Leonardtown state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-412

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resources Count: 1

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Route 6 and Route 5 at New Market in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The small church sits on a ridge above Route 6 at the end of a gravel driveway lined with cedar trees. The church faces north with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis. To the west of the church is a gravel parking lot and a one-story, cinderblock multi-purpose building which was constructed by the St. Paul's congregation in 1978. A cemetery, contemporary with the church, is located behind this structure. Wooded areas extend to the north and south of the church. To the east of the church, the landscape is occupied by single family homes.

The church is a one-story, ell-shaped structure covered with stucco. The main block of this ell was built in 1911, while the western Sunday school room addition was constructed in 1950. The church has a cement foundation and the roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The north (main) elevation of the church's main block is a gable end structure with a smaller gable end entrance vestibule which projects to the north. This vestibule was constructed in 1930 and is pierced by a set of double doors with wide surrounds. Set into these plain wooden doors are crosses made of glass block. Both the east and west sides of the vestibule are lit by one two-over-two sash window with narrow surrounds. The panes of glass in these windows are colored and roughly textured. The eave of the vestibule and of the main block's gable end is finished with a cyma recta moulding. The eave of the main block is pierced by a louvered vent. At the northern end of the roof rises a small steeple sheathed with vertical boards and capped with a pyramidal roof. Both the east and west sides of the steeple are pierced by a louvered vent. A metal cross projects from the steeple roof. To the west of the main block extends a two bay wing lit by two two-over-two sash windows.

The west elevation of the main block is lit by two two-over-two sash windows. The west end of the main block's western wing is pierced by a partially glazed entrance door. The roofline of this flush gable end is finished with a plain eave board.

The south elevation of the main block's gable end is marked by a shed roof projection. This projection, constructed to enlarge the chancel area in 1956, was once lit by a window with wide surrounds which is now boarded up. Above this projection is a louvered vent which pierces the eave. The wing to the west of the main block is pierced by one pair of two-over-two sash windows and a single two-over-two sash window. The sills of these windows consist of a row of brick headers.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-412

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion |
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Specific dates 1911 Builder/Architect Mueller family et al.

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a small but significant building in the New Market area both because of its history as the first Lutheran church established in Southern Maryland and because of its founding German-American congregation. Built to fulfill the spiritual needs of the closely-knit German immigrant population in the New Market-Mechanicsville-Charlotte Hall area, this church became the focal point of this community's religious and social life. This church is the only architectural landmark which represents the existence of this distinctive early twentieth century community in northern St. Mary's County.

The first Lutheran minister to explore St. Mary's County was Pastor Louis J. Roehm. Roehm had been sent there by Rev. D. H. Steffens, the chairman of the Baltimore Mission Society. Roehm held services in Mechanicsville until a Lutheran pastor purchased a farm in the village and offered his services to the community. Some families were not satisfied with this arrangement, and in February of 1911, Pastor Roehm began ministering to a group of people who had begun meeting in the home of Henry Mueller. This group wished to form a congregation in the New Market area.

On August 21, 1911 Dietrich "Dick" Badenhop offered the community a portion of land located on Route 6 in the village of New Market for the erection of a church. A week after the gift was accepted, the congregation instructed a committee to build a church of the dimensions 18' by 28' by 12'. The structure was built by the Mueller family and other members of the congregation and completed in November 1911. Badenhop transferred this land to the church Trustees the following year (EBA 10/133).

A notice in the St. Mary's Beacon of November 23, 1911 announced the Lutheran Church dedication. It read, "The German Evangelical Lutheran Church, which has been erected near New Market during the past two months is now completed. The dedication is to take place next Sunday, November 26. Rev. D. Steffens of Baltimore, and Rev. L. J. Roehm of Overlea, will officiate at the

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-412

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Md, 1634-1990 . Ridge: n.p., 1991

Items in St. Mary's County Historical Society Vertical File "R3-5 Lutheran."

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres, 3 roads, 33 perchesQuadrangle name Charlotte HallQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Verbal boundary description and justification "beginning for the same at a point in the middle of the public road leading from All Faith Church to New Market, said point being 643 links West of a brown stone on the North bank of said road, thence running with said road south 89 degrees west 650 links to a stake,*

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's County DPZdate January 1994

street & number

telephone (301) 475-4662city or town Leonardtownstate Maryland

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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SM-412, St. Paul's Lutheran Church
St. Mary's County
7.1 Description

The east elevation of the church is lit by three two-over-two sash windows with narrow surrounds. The glass in these windows is colored and roughly textured. An interior brick chimney projects from the roof of this elevation.

The original wood floor of the interior has been covered with tile flooring and carpeting. The pews have been removed and the interior space has been partitioned for use as Sunday School classrooms and as a Braille center.

Behind the church stands a frame gable roof outbuilding with a wide overhang which serves both as a storage shed and as a pavilion for summer picnics.

— SM-412, St. Paul's Lutheran Church
St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Church at New Market, Inc.
FROM: Dick Badenhop, widower.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 6, folio 240.
DATE: October 30, 1928.
NOTES: Grantor desires to cancel and annul the restrictions in EBA 14/120.

TO: Ludwig Naumann, Fritz Bosse, Dick Badenhop, and Herman Bosse, Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Saint Paul's Church at New Market, Inc.
FROM: Dick and Alma Badenhop
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 14, folio 120.
DATE: July 2, 1915.
NOTES: Transfer of parcel which is 2 acres, 3 roods, and 33 perches, being a part of the land formerly called "Brotherhood" but more recently named "Minnehaha," with the restriction "so long as the same is used for the maintenance of a place of religious worship by the said Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Church at New Market, Inc."

— TO: Dick Badenhop
FROM: Ludwig Naumann, Fritz Bosse, Godfrey Abegglen, and Herman Bosse, Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Saint Paul's Church at New Market, Inc.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 14, 118.
DATE: April 19, 1915.
NOTES: Transfer of parcel which is 2 acres, 3 roods, and 33 perches, being a part of the land formerly called "Brotherhood" but more recently named "Minnehaha," with restrictions.

TO: Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Saint Paul's Church at New Market, Inc.
FROM: Dick and Alma Badenhop
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 10, folio 133
DATE: April 16, 1912.
NOTES: Transfer of parcel which is 2 acres, 3 roods, and 33 perches, being a part of the land formerly called "Brotherhood" but more recently named "Minnehaha," as surveyed by Samuel R. Neave in February 1912, with restrictions.

TO: Dick Badenhop
FROM: Joseph G. Bryant and Martha J. Bryant of Caroline County
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 9, folio 279.
DATE: April 21, 1911
NOTES: Transfer of parcel formerly called and known as "Brotherhood" but more recently named "Minnehaha" being 71 acres more or less.

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SM-412, St. Paul's Lutheran Church
St. Mary's County
8.2 Significance

occasion. Services to be conducted in both German and English languages. Morning service is to be exclusively German, beginning at 10 o'clock sharp. Afternoon service begins at 2 o'clock sharp with German and English preaching. All are cordially invited to attend the dedication. H A. Kahle, Pastor." Three years later, the church established itself as a corporation. The Incorporation Record of St. Mary's County (Liber JAC 1/103) shows that on May 5, 1915, Ludwig Naumann, Fritz Bosse, Dick Badenhoop and Herman Bosse, elected Trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Church at New Market, joined together to form a corporation for the purpose of "building and maintenance of a house or houses of religious worship, general religious, moral, intellectual, charitable, and sacred advancement of the adherents of the Christian faith in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church." This record of incorporation also noted that future Trustees of the church were to be elected annually by male members of the church in good standing.

Since the construction of the main block of St. Paul's in 1911, a vestibule was added in 1930, a Sunday school room was added in 1950, and an addition to the chancel was constructed in 1956. In 1978 the congregation funded construction of a multi-purpose building which now houses a Christian pre-school program and offices for the minister and the church secretary. This building was constructed on the site of the original parish house.

The original chapel is no longer used for services, but was remodeled in 1983 for use as Sunday school classrooms and as a Braille Center. Today, Lutheran services are held in St. Mary's County at a mission in Lexington Park which was founded by members of St. Paul's in the 1940s. St. Paul's also helped to establish a sister church in La Plata in 1962.

The popularity of St. Paul's pre-school is growing. It may be necessary to expand this complex in the very near future, and this expansion is likely to threaten the existence of the original church building. It has been suggested that this structure might be demolished in order to make space for a parking lot.

On-site preservation and reuse of the main block of the 1911 church structure is highly desirable. While the interior of the church has been reworked, the exterior form of the building remains an intact and tangible example of the modest beginnings of the St. Paul's congregation. St. Paul's Lutheran Church stands out on a landscape which is quickly being altered by the construction of new residential communities and increasing traffic on nearby Route 5. Both the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran church and the village of New Market would ultimately benefit from the preservation of this historic site.

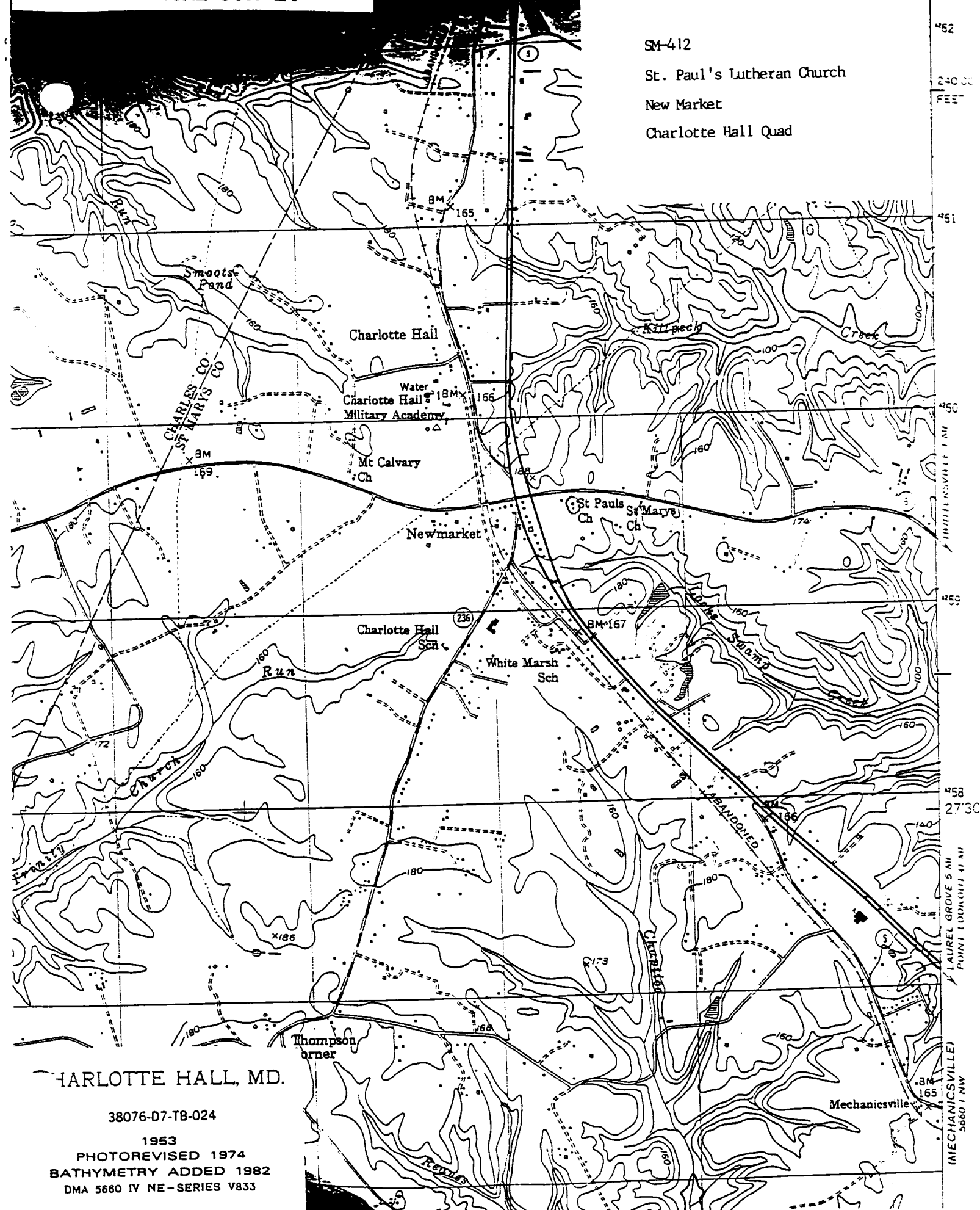
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SM-412

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

New Market

Charlotte Hall Quad



CHARLOTTE HALL, MD.

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PHOTOREVISED 1974

BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982

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LAUREL GROVE 5 MI
POINT LOOKOUT 41 MI

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